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Mayor

June 3, 2022

Honorable Stacie Gilmore
Denver City Council President
City and County Building, Room 451
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Council President Gilmore:

In keeping with the provisions of Section 20-93 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (the “DRMC”), I am hereby notifying you of the Department of Finance’s intent to issue Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, for and on behalf of its Department of Aviation, in an amount not to exceed \$1.8 billion to refund and redeem the “Airport System Interim Note Subordinate Obligation, Tax-Exempt Series A” outstanding in the principal amount of \$700,000,000 and to finance the remaining costs of the airports current 2018-2022 capital program. The maturity of the bonds will not exceed 2054. The 2022 Bonds may be issued as senior lien or subordinate lien obligations based on what is most economically advantageous at the time of pricing.

The City has by ordinance designated the Department of Aviation as an Enterprise within the meaning of the TABOR Amendment to the Colorado State Constitution. The Series 2022 Bonds are special obligations of the City, for and on behalf of the Department of Aviation, payable solely from and secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues of the Airport System. Neither the full faith and credit, nor the taxing power of the City, will be pledged in payment of the Series 2022 Bonds.

In keeping with the intent of 20-93(b) of the DRMC, the President of Council will be notified promptly of any material change. The accompanying *Attachment A* contains a more detailed description of the financing. I do not anticipate formally communicating technical changes in the financing.

Sincerely,

Brendan J. Hanlon
Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Finance

Attachment

Cc: Honorable Timothy O’Brien, Auditor
Honorable Paul D. Lopez, Clerk and Recorder
John Mahoney, City Council Liaison
Everett Martinez, City Attorney’s Office (DEN)

DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRPORT SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022

I. The Proposed Financing

The Series 2022 bonds are being issued in an amount not to exceed \$1.8 billion for the purpose of refunding outstanding Series 2021 bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$700 million and to fund the completion of the airports 2018-2022 capital improvement plan. The interest rate on the Series 2022 Bonds is expected to be 4.35% and will not exceed 5.75%. The final maturity of the bonds will not exceed 2054. The tax status of the bonds will include a combination of AMT and Non-AMT bonds.

** AMT bonds are tax-exempt obligations that are subject to taxation for certain higher income investors defined by Internal Revenue Service regulations. Bonds that fund governmental purpose projects, such as airfield improvements are generally not subject to AMT, while bonds issued to fund private activity projects such as terminal projects are.*

II. Security for the Bonds

The City has by ordinance designated the Department of Aviation as an Enterprise within the meaning of the TABOR Amendment to the Colorado State Constitution. The Series 2022 Bonds are special obligations of the City, issued for and on behalf of the Department of Aviation. The bonds are payable solely from and secured by a pledge of the Net Revenues of the Airport System. None of the properties of the Airport System are subject to any mortgage or other lien for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds. Neither the full faith and credit, nor the taxing power of the City, will be pledged in payment of the Bonds. The Series 2022 bonds may be issued as Senior lien or subordinate lien obligations, or a combination thereof.

III. The Sale Process

The Series 2022 bonds will be sold in a negotiated process with a public sale led by Bank of America serving as senior manager and book runner, Loop Capital, Ramirez and Co., JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley and Stifel serving as co-managers. Underwriting firms for the 2022 bonds were selected from the City's existing underwriter pool, which was developed via a competitive process conducted through the Department of Finance. The City uses the financial advisory services of Frasca & Associates LLC for Airport financings.

IV. The Proposed Timetable of Events

Major events in the proposed timetable are noted below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
May 18, 2022	Business Committee
June 6, 2022	20-93 Notification read to Council
June 6, 2022	First Council reading of the Ordinances
June 13, 2022	Second Council reading of the Ordinances
Week of June 27th	Pricing
Week of July 11th	Closing

V. Counsel

Hogan & Lovells serves as Bond Counsel on the Series 2022 Bond transaction. The Firm was selected through a competitive process conducted through the City Attorney's Office.

VI. Other Information

I know of no event that will affect the financing as described herein. In keeping with the intent of the 20-93 of the DRMC, the President of Council will be notified promptly of any material change to the financing. I do not anticipate formally communicating technical changes of an immaterial nature or minor changes in the timetable.